
FOREWORD

BACKGROUND AND ORGANIZATION

This document summarizes and highlights the programs of the Department of the Interior and its fiscal year 2004 President's budget request. It has been prepared for Members of Congress, congressional committees and their staffs, Departmental and other Federal government officials, the press, and private citizens interested in the Department's programs.

The **DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW** section summarizes budgetary resource requirements at the Departmental level. The **DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS** section presents major Department-wide programs and budget proposals linked to Interior's new strategic plan. The **BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS** section presents a narrative summary of the budget request for each bureau and an in-depth comparison in tabular form of 2002, 2003, and 2004 budgetary resource estimates, in addition to brief descriptions of programmatic changes. The **APPENDICES** present tabular summaries of pertinent budgetary data. Appendix A is a Department-wide table, comparing 2004 requests with the 2003 President's Budget and 2002 actual amounts. Appendix B presents a crosswalk of 2004 funding to the strategic plan. Other appendices contain summaries of Interior bureau maintenance, construction, and land acquisition programs; Interior's funding within the conservation spending category; the Everglades Watershed Restoration, Invasive Species, and Recreational Fee programs; mineral revenue payments to States; other grant and payment programs; receipt estimates; and staffing levels.

USAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

All years referenced are fiscal years unless noted, and amounts presented reflect budget authority unless otherwise specified. Numbers in tables and graphs may not add to totals because of rounding. Numbers shown in brackets [] are displayed for informational purposes and not included in totals.

References to **2002 appropriations** or **2002 enacted** signify amounts appropriated mainly in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, P.L. 107-63, and in the 2002 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, P.L. 107-66. Since there is not an enacted 2003 appropriation as of February 3, 2003, all 2003 amounts are referred to as **2003 budget** or **President's budget** as amended. **Uncontrollable costs** refer to cost changes that are unavoidable in the short term (*e.g.*, GSA-negotiated space rate costs, unemployment compensation, government-wide changes in pay). Additional information on the basis for the amounts used in this document is provided in the note following Appendix A.

A listing of frequently used acronyms follows:

BLM	Bureau of Land Management	OIG	Office of Inspector General
MMS	Minerals Management Service	OST	Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
OSM	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	NRDR	Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration
CUP	Central Utah Project Completion Act	NIGC	National Indian Gaming Commission
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey	GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act of 1993
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
NPS	National Park Service	CCI	Cooperative Conservation Initiative
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	FCI	Facility Condition Index
DO	Departmental Offices	PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool
DM	Departmental Management		
OIA	Office of Insular Affairs		
SOL	Office of the Solicitor		